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Comment period Extended for the Casa Diablo IV Environmental Document

The Bureau of Land Management and cooperating agencies have extended the public comment period on the Casa Diablo IV geothermal project environmental document for 15 days.

The BLM Bishop Field Office and cooperating agencies, the Inyo National Forest and the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District, have extended the public comment period on the Casa Diablo IV Geothermal Development Project Public Draft Joint Environmental Impact Statement and Environmental Impact Report. Comments on the draft document will now be accepted through January 30, 2013.

"The cooperating agencies have decided to extend the public comment period due to the complex nature of the draft document and the concurrence of the initial comment period with the recent holiday season. We are all committed to ensuring the public has ample opportunity to provide meaningful comments on this important project," said Bernadette Lovato, BLM Bishop Field Office manager.

Written comments should be submitted to: BLM, Bishop Field Office, 351 Pacu Lane, Suite 100, Bishop, CA 93514; Attn: Casa Diablo IV Geothermal Development Project Draft EIS/EIR, c/o Collin Reinhardt, Project Manager; by facsimile: (760) 872-5050; or by e-mail: cabipubcom@blm.gov; Subject: Casa Diablo IV Geothermal Development Project Draft EIS/EIR. To ensure comments will be considered, the BLM must receive them by Jan. 30, 2013. Comments received or postmarked after the due date will be considered to the extent practicable.

Oral comments may be submitted to Margie DeRose at the Inyo National Forest, Supervisor's Office by calling (760) 873-2424, or in person at, 351 Pacu Lane, Suite 200, Bishop, CA 93514.

The Draft EIS/EIR may be reviewed at the BLM Bishop Field Office at 351 Pacu Lane, Suite 100, Bishop, CA 93514, and the Mono County Library at 400 Sierra Park Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546. Additionally, CD-ROM versions of the Draft EIS/EIR may be obtained by contacting the Bishop Field Office. The document is also available on the Internet at: http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/prog/energy/fasttrack/casadiablo/fedstatus.html.

Additional information regarding the project can be obtained from Reinhardt at (760) 872-5024, email creinhardt@blm.gov.